


REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83 (a). Notwithstanding the Applicant's position that drawings of a jack runner, a pipe support, or a spring loaded catch are not necessary to understand the invention, the Applicant hereby cancels claims 5, 16 and 17 to speed prosecution, thus eliminating the need for corrected drawings. Since corrected drawings are not needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 112. The Examiner states that, once the invention is mounted, the operation the invention is unclear. The accessory, in fact, does not alter the functioning of any prior art jack to which it is mounted. Thus, no instruction as to the operation of the invention is necessary beyond what is disclosed in the Specification and known in the prior art. Specifically, after the accessory is mounted on a prior art jack (notice that the tongue is already attached to the accessory as described on page 9, lines 2-4) it is readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art to place a load on the tongue of the jack accessory (rather than on the tongue or boot of the prior art jack), and to operate the prior art jack in a normal manner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to the specification under 35 USC 112 is respectfully requested.

In addition, claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Dube, et al. The Examiner states that Dube, et al. shows a lift column, a lift column socket, and a tongue. However, Dube, et al. shows a shaft (or jack stem) rather than a lift column as disclosed in the invention. Furthermore, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the lift column fits about a jack stem, and to avoid any confusion between the lift column of the invention and the shaft of Dube, et al.

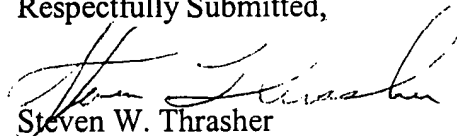


Note that Dube, et al. does not teach a lift-column socket comprising a rectangular tube having a first side adapted to receive support from a catching means, a front directly opposite the first side, a right side, a left side, and a first flange-catch coupled to the front, the first flange-catch for supporting a flange of the tongue as taught in the specification and claimed in claim 7. Nor does Dube, et al. suggest a tongue for a jack accessory comprising a flange adapted to be received by a lift-column socket, and a support base rigidly coupled to the flange as taught in the specification and claimed in claim 13. Accordingly, since Dube, et al. does not show each and every element of amended Claim 1, or of independent claims 7 or 13, withdrawal of the rejection to amended Claim 1, and claims 7 and 13 is respectfully requested. Since all independent claims are believed to now be in condition for allowance, it is noted that each dependent claim is also in condition for allowance.

Other references made of record but not relied upon in the Office Action are considered no more relevant to the invention than the reference relied upon by the Examiner.

In summary, it is believed that pending Claims 1-4, 6-15, and 18-20 are allowable, and allowance of said claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any other matters which remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the under signed attorney to resolve these matters by Examiners Amendment where possible.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. A jack accessory assembly, comprising:
a lift column ~~that fits about a jack stem~~;
a lift-column socket adapted to fit the [lift-column] lift column; and
a tongue adapted to fit in the lift-column socket.